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**PATENT**  
**Docket No.: 12577/25**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Hideyasu Takato

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FOR : FOCUS DETECTING OPTICAL SYSTEM AND CAMERA  
PROVIDED WITH THE SAME

**MAIL STOP PGPUB Drawings**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawing

Kindly replace originally filed Figure 4 with replacement Figure 4 attached hereto.

Remarks

Replacement Figure 4 attached hereto has been amended to correctly locate the line depicting the optical path from the photographic lens 1 to the image sensor 3. No new matter is presented herewith and entry of replacement Figure 4 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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